

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed embodiments significantly increase the power and flexibility of public access network roaming systems. This is accomplished in one or more embodiments by requiring no new software or hardware to be installed by the end user. Further, an end user's service provider can be automatically determined. If a pre-negotiated network sharing agreement does not exist between the network provider and service provider, a network sharing agreement can be dynamically facilitated, even if the network provider and the service provider have no prior business relationship; while protecting the business and financial interests of both providers. Embodiments allow for a clearinghouse for revenue assurance. Embodiments contemplate a scalable, distributable system. Embodiments allow for variable access charges among and within venues and a wide variety of service plans for end users. Embodiments remain backward compatible with legacy systems for maximum flexibility.

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